



Minutes

Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2003

PRESENT: Eltgroth, Gardner, Rothert, Hubbell
(2 positions remain vacant)

ABSENT: Kinkade
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mark Frederick

STAFF: Public Works Senior Engineer Julie Behzad
Public Works Deputy Director Karl Bjarke

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Eltgroth called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

DECLARATION - POSTING OF AGENDA: Julie Behzad certified that this meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Julie Behzad opened the meeting to public comments. There being no comments, the public comments period was closed.

MINUTES: By unanimous vote, the minutes for the December 12, 2002 meeting were approved with the two following corrections: 1) Page 1, CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Eltgroth was misspelled, 2) Page 2, 1. STATUS OF, fifth sentence should read: "that the project was *not* selected for funding."

ORAL REPORTS:

1. Staff Report

Bicycle Ordinance

JB distributed the Ordinance drafted by the City Attorney, Helene Leichter, for the committee's review. JB asked Chair BE if this item should be continued until the next meeting to give everyone a chance to review the ordinance. BE asked the members to discuss the ordinance at this meeting. BG mentioned that the committee referred to

coaster as any scooter that the kids ride around these days. BG also noted a minor correction in the ordinance, deleting the word "or" in the title to read: "Section 10.56.100 Tampering with Serial Number Unlawful". JR also mentioned that Under Section 4. 1.A. should be modified to make it more clear. All the members agreed that the intention is to minimize the number of wheels and similar devices. BE mentioned that he would search the web to find the definition of "coaster" and forward it to our attention.

*** Trails and Natural Resources Study**

JB reported that she has been talking to a number of consultants requesting proposals to perform the scope of work approved by BTAC in October 2001. Staff will report back to BTAC when they receive the proposals.

*** Status of the BTAC member applicants**

JB confirmed that the staff report to PRC was prepared and this item is on the agenda for January 21st. BE asked if the number of applicants are listed in the staff report, both applicants will be included in the item. JB mentioned she would check with Julie Spier and call the applicants to notify them of the time and place of the PRC meeting.

2. Bicycle Resource Directory

BG mentioned that she sent e-mails to the City of Davis to find out if we can use their verbiage from the back of their Resource Directory. She also mentioned that she received JB's e-mail with Rosemary Rideout's phone number. BG will contact RR as soon as she gets a response back from the City of Davis. JB handed out the prices from Color Copy Printing to print 500 to 2000 copies of the resource directory. It was decided that with the \$2,000 budget, BTAC can have 2000 directories printed when it is complete. BG asked to re-agendize this item for next month for further reporting.

3. Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee Update

BE attended the meeting. They discussed the Bike to Work Day (May 15) and Bike to Work Week (starting May 15). Samantha Swan is the VTA representative who can be contacted regarding Bike to Work. The Traffic Safety Committee's meeting was also scheduled for the following Tuesday and their agenda included a discussion of Bike to Work. Both VTA and MTC are cutting down on their rides that week. VTA is also looking into a Pilot Bicycle Parking Program with the grant of \$100,000. The three locations discussed for bike lockers were: Tamian, Morgan Hill and River Oaks. VTA is looking to install more bike racks. For example, City of Sunnyvale has a program that offers bike racks to companies if the company is willing to install the racks. BE mentioned

that this program is not working. Other programs are being researched. BE also mentioned a report that discusses a study being done in Europe about bike racks being installed that have covers to protect them.

BE also noted that his term as the City's representative will expire in June.

BUSINESS

1. Bicycle Friendly Communities Campaign Application

JB presented the staff report requesting the members discuss completion and submission of preliminary information to the League of American Bicyclists for designating Morgan Hill as a Bicycle Friendly Community. BE asked the members if they would like to apply. MH stated that it would be great for the community and bring more awareness for bicyclists, yet would not impose any changes. JB stated that there is a second part which needs to be completed upon approval of the first part. MH said that he would find out more about part two. BE noted that all the members present showed interested in applying. BG volunteered to fill out the application.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bicycle Advisory Committee Vacancies (1)
BE mentioned that with the new upcoming appointments, there will not be any vacancies. It was also mentioned that Jerry Kinkade has not attended the last several meetings. JB said that she would contact him to find out if he would like to apply for the next term.
- Silicon Valley Bicycle Collision is the speaker of the next month meeting and will be talking about detection devices.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

(This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.)

- Bicycle Safety Plan - Police Department Attendance at BTAC meetings

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be held on February 13, 2003 at 6:15pm.